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MCU Advantage students earn degrees

More than 200 Mid-Continent University Advantage students in Matfield earned their associate and bachelor's degrees this past December – including seven Bachelor of Science graduates and eight Associate of Science graduates from Bowling Green.

MCU's Advantage Program offers working adults with previous college credits and work experience the opportunity to pursue a degree with an emphasis in business administration.

The following Bowling Green students earned degrees:

Bachelor of science: Shannon Brindley, Barbara Brooks, Richard Burris, William Cox, Rebecca Evans, Geniece Germanis and Lori Gray.

Associate degree: Natalie Gibson, April Landaverde, Casie Browning, Melisa Elmore, Christopher Grivil, Lisa Jones, Monte Jones and Sandra Williams.

Academy to begin enrollment Feb. 24

Bowling Green Christian Academy will begin enrolling for the 2009-10 school year Feb. 24.

The nondenominational Christian school serves 4-year-old preschoolers through students in the eighth grade. The school is at 1730 Destiny Lane. For information or a tour, call 782-9552 or visit the Web site at www.bgcaky.com.

WKU recognized for its work on preserve

Western Kentucky University has been recognized for its work at the Upper Green River Biological Preserve with the inaugural Heritage Land Stewardship Award from the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board.

The award was presented recently in Frankfort to WKU biology faculty members Albert Meier, Ouida Meier and Scott Grubbs, directors of the 670-acre preserve in Hart County near Mammoth Cave National Park.

The mission of the WKU Upper Green River Biological Preserve, www.greenriver.wku.edu, is to foster knowledge and protection of the region and its natural heritage through research, education and conservation.

The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund provides funding for preserving and conserving natural areas that possess unique features. The KHLCF provided the funding to acquire the Upper Green River Biological Preserve in 2004 and has funded several other land acquisitions for WKU.

Revenue for the fund comes from the Nature License Plate, the state portion of the unmined minerals tax and environmental fines.

Greenwood's Keyser to be in 'Who's Who'

Rachel Keyser, a graduate of Greenwood High School, is one of 52 Bellarmine University students selected to be in the 2008-09 edition of "Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges." Keyser is a senior majoring in mathematics.

Students were selected by a campus committee and editors of the annual directory based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Western offering double reeds program

Western Kentucky University is offering a pre-college double reeds program for late elementary, junior high and high school students who play or who are interested in playing the oboe or bassoon.

Students enrolled in the program will receive weekly private lessons on WKU's campus. The instructors are advanced WKU music majors supervised by Michele Fiala, who teaches oboe and bassoon at the university.

Students interested in enrolling should contact the Continuing Education Department at 745-1912 or Fiala at 745-8744 or michele.fiala@wku.edu. To download a registration form, visit the Continuing Education Web site at www.wku.edu/ce.

Hubble a semifinalist in science talent search

Dalton Hubble, a senior at the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky at Western Kentucky University and John Hardin High School, has been selected as a semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search 2009, a program of the Society for Science & the Public.

Hubble, along with two other Kentucky high school seniors, is among 300 students named semifinalists in the national competition.

The Intel Science Talent Search brings together young scientific minds in America to compete for \$1.25 million in scholarships. Each semifinalist receives a \$1,000 award with an additional \$1,000 going to his or her respective school, resulting in \$600,000 in total semifinalist awards.

Hubble's research paper is titled "Fabrication of Poly (2-Hydroxyethyl Methacrylate) by Hot Filament Chemical Vapor Deposition."

WKU Autism program receives \$7,500 grant

The Kelly Autism Program at Western Kentucky University has received a \$7,500 grant from the Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation to support its School-to-Work Transition Program. This is the second year for the award.

The Excellence in Education, Engagement & Employment program provides opportunities for young adults diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder to learn job skills and pursue employment with community businesses, organizations and work with individuals who have received training as job coaches.

More than 13 businesses and organizations in the Bowling Green area have provided job opportunities for the participants last year. A component that will be added this year is a new business in which the participants make children's furniture, banks, CD cabinets and other projects. The Students in Free Enterprise will assist them with the marketing of their products.

Keller named to headmaster's list

Ryan Keller of Alvaton has been named to the first semester headmaster's list at the McCallie School, a college preparatory school for boys, in Chattanooga, Tenn.

To qualify for the headmaster's list, a student must earn all A's in regular courses and no grade lower than a B+ in honors or Advanced Placement courses.

Ryan is the son of Randy and Bev Keller.

Bowling Green's Shah named to dean's list

Ariel Shah from Bowling Green was named to the dean's list at the College of William and Mary for the fall 2008 semester.

In order to achieve dean's list status, a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 quality point average during the semester.